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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 2000-228756
- 2) JP 2001-292422

References 1) and 2) include an English language abstract. Reference 1) includes a "concise explanation" under 37CFR § 1.98(a)(3) which is set forth in the background portion of the specification at page 3, line 20.

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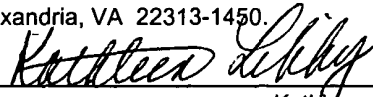
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